

Reorganization and Sharing Incentives in Iowa Code Chapter 257 and Administrative Rules 281--97

	Regional Academies	Reorganization Taxpayer Incentive	Whole Grade Sharing Agreement (WGS)	Operational Function Sharing Agreement
Incentive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host district, the school district where the regional academy is located, receives a 0.1 weighting for the percentage of the school day that a resident student attends the regional academy. Minimum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 15 full-time pupils <u>if</u> the district provides <u>both</u> CTE and advanced-level non-CTE courses within the academy. Maximum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 30 full-time pupils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower uniform levy from \$5.40 to \$4.40. Levy increases over three years to \$4.90, \$5.15, and \$5.40. State aid replaces the reduction in property tax, does not increase nor decrease spending authority. May be incorporated with Whole Grade Sharing (WGS) incentive to reorganize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.1 Weighting for WGS arrangements for up to 3 years. Weighting for the 2nd and 3rd years are based on the SBRC reorganization progress report approval. If reorganize by July 1, 2019 eligible for 3 more years of weighting. (Total of 6 years.) Carryforward will be reduced by supplementary weighting (SW) added for any student whose residency is not within the reorganized district. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned weighting for position categories as noted below. Dollar amount (AEA) Weighting for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years based on the timely submission of the Fall BEDS application. Maximum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 21 full-time pupils. Minimum dollars available to any one AEA is \$30,000. Maximum dollars available to any one AEA is \$200,000
Timeline	Begins July 1, 2008	July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2014	July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2019	July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2019
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 7-12. Multiple districts, other than a whole-grade-sharing partner, must be sending students to the academy. Shall include advanced-level non-CTE courses. May also include in its curriculum career-technical programs (CTE), virtual or Internet-based coursework, ICN courses, core curriculum coursework, and asynchronous learning network. Courses shall not qualify as concurrent enrollment courses (community college) for supplementary weighting. Career academies are not regional academies for this purpose. Application approval from DE and use of SW dollars agreement of participating districts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective for reorganizations between 7/1/07 and 7/1/14. Enrollment of the school district affected by the reorganization or dissolution must be at or below 600 in the year proceeding reorganization. By January 1 of the calendar year in which the reorganization/dissolution will occur, certify to the Department of Education (DE) the date and nature of the action taken to reorganize/dissolve. Reorganize by July 1, 2014 to receive incentives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executes a WGS agreement with one or more other Iowa districts. Districts are contiguous. All of the boards involved in the WGS agreement adopt a joint resolution to study the question of reorganization or dissolution. The resolution must be adopted on or before October 1 in the year in which the district is claiming WGS SW. By January 1 of the calendar year in which the reorganization/dissolution will occur, certify to the DE the date and nature of the action taken to reorganize/dissolve. Must have been eligible to include WGS for SW in October in order to carry forward the reorganization incentive on July 1. Application approval from DE for Joint Employment in WGS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AEA or LEA. Shared operational functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Management - 8 Business Management - 5 Human Resources Management - 5 Transportation Management - 5 Operations and Maintenance Management - 5 Curriculum Director - 3 School Counselor - 3 Sharing partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Township County School Corporation/District Merged Area/Community college AEA Board of Regents Institution Any other Governmental Subdivision. Must be shared for at least 20% of time.

- Whole Grade Sharing (WGS) Agreements must be signed by February 1st for the agreement to be effective for the following school year. (Iowa Code section 282.10)